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Remarks

Claims 8, 10, 12–17, and 19–20 remain pending in the application. In the Office action dated Jun. 10, claims 8–10, 12–17, and 19–21 were rejected as obvious over Parni et al in view of Lintula et al (WO 00/63494).

A telephone interview was conducted with Examiner Laura Edwards on Jun. 29, 2010, the examiner's courtesy and helpful and insightful remarks during the interview are acknowledged with appreciation. During the interview independent claims 8 and 15 were discussed together with the limitations of dependent claims 9 and 16, directed to the lips edging the rod not being formed of the same material as the slider piece and claims 14, and 21 directed to the slider piece being non-homogeneous.

During the interview applicant's counsel pointed out that the limitation to insert-molding did produce a structural difference of the claims and that the examiner had not specifically addressed the additional limitations in the dependent claims.

The examiner indicated allowable subject matter was present, and suggested that the claims, particularly claim 8, should be redrafted to claim the invention in the broader context in which it is used. And with respect to claim 8 the examiner was concerned that the language "said circumference portions are formed at least partly by a slider piece" was too broad as claim 8 would cover the slider piece forming all the circumferential portions.

Based on the examiner's suggestion, applicant has **amended claim 8** based on the limitations of claim 9 and the following part of the specification:

[0003] Rod cradles are used in surface-sizing and coating devices.

[0018] ...coating machines, which are used in paper and board machines...

Amended claim 8 distinguishes over the art of record. Claim 8 as amended is limited by the preamble, which breaths life and breath into the claim, to a "coating device for use in paper and board machines" and claims a rod cradle made of two different plastics which are permanently joined as insert molded parts, and has some parts which engage the claimed coating rod which are of the same material as the base, as opposed to the slider portion which is a different plastic and thus forms only part of the circumference portions.

Claim 15 has been amended based on the limitations of claim 21 "wherein the slider piece is non-homogenous, such that material forming a bottom portion of the rod groove,

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which bottom portion engages the rod, has a lower coefficient of friction than all other circumference portions". Claim 15 as amended is limited by the preamble which breaths life and breath into the claim to "An insert-molded rod cradle ... for use in paper and board machines" and claims a rod cradle made of two different plastics which are permanently joined as insert molded parts.

The limitation to non-homogeneity is based on paragraph [0025]:

In FIG. 2, there is a variation of the rod cradle of FIG. 1. The slider piece of the profile is formed with the aid of non-homogeneity in such a way that, at the location of the slider piece of FIG. 1, there is a harder and more wear-resistant area forming through the selection of the compound material.

Which describes the slider piece itself being non-homogeneous, in addition to the slider piece material being different from the rod cradle base part and body part.

Claim 14 has been amended for clarity, and conforms with the language added to amended claim 15.

Because the amended claims remain within the scope of the claims considered by the examiner, no new search is necessary.

Applicant believes that no new matter has been added by this amendment.

Applicant submits that the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance.

Favorable action thereon is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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